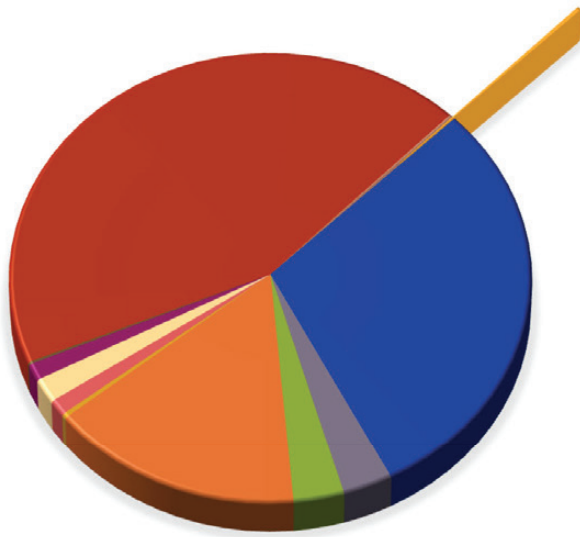


# Juvenile Court Services Unit

## Mission Statement

The Juvenile Court Service Unit protects the public by preparing court-involved youth to be successful citizens.



**Public Safety Expenditure Budget:**  
**\$383,324,676**

**Expenditure Budget:**  
**\$1,011,941**

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*0.3% of Public Safety*

### Programs:

- Intake Services: \$35,413
- Standard Supervision: \$150,250
- Intensive Supervision: \$600,683
- Dispute Resolution Services: \$225,595

## Mandates

Prince William County operates under a state mandate to provide intake services and standard supervision to juveniles placed on probation and parole. The Juvenile Court Service Unit provides these mandated services.

**State Code:** [16.1-234](#) (Duties of Department; provision of quarters, utilities, and office equipment to court service unit), [16.1-235](#) (How probation, parole and related court services provided), [16.1-235.1](#) (Provision of court services; replacement intake officers), [16.1-237](#) (Powers, duties and functions of probation and parole officers), [16.1-255](#) (Limitation on issuance of detention orders for juveniles; appearance by juvenile), [16.1-260](#) (Intake; petition; investigation)

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## Expenditure and Revenue Summary

Expenditure by Program	FY16 Actuals	FY17 Actuals	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Adopted	FY20 Adopted	% Change Budget FY19/ Budget FY20
Intake Services	\$33,597	\$23,306	\$25,030	\$35,413	\$35,413	0.00%
Standard Supervision	\$162,045	\$145,501	\$150,969	\$147,351	\$150,250	1.97%
Intensive Supervision	\$450,876	\$489,234	\$532,284	\$529,245	\$600,683	13.50%
Dispute Resolution Services	\$180,982	\$180,892	\$181,495	\$222,595	\$225,595	1.35%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$827,501</b>	<b>\$838,933</b>	<b>\$889,778</b>	<b>\$934,604</b>	<b>\$1,011,941</b>	<b>8.27%</b>

### Expenditure by Classification

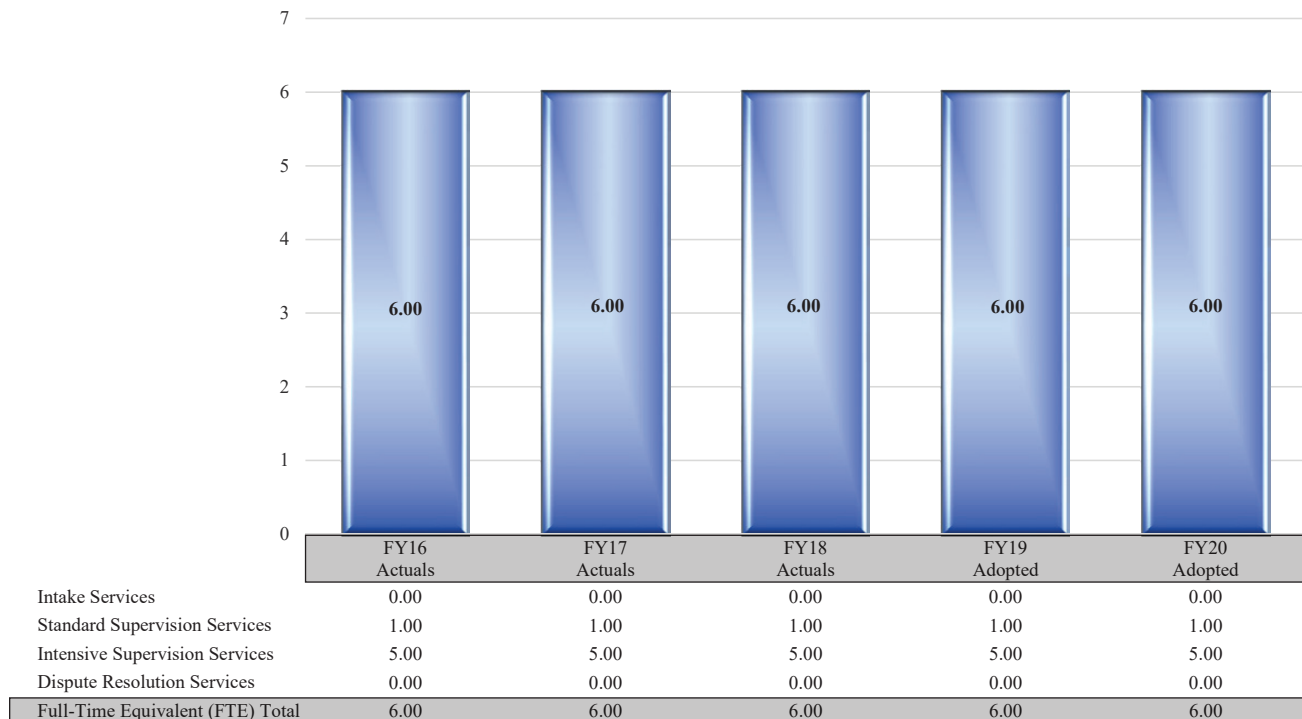
Salaries and Benefits	\$538,400	\$559,764	\$601,981	\$610,131	\$584,468	(4.21%)
Contractual Services	\$178,771	\$181,981	\$180,999	\$223,421	\$223,421	0.00%
Internal Services	\$92,031	\$86,853	\$94,729	\$81,404	\$81,404	0.00%
Purchase of Goods & Services	\$16,817	\$8,853	\$10,586	\$18,066	\$121,066	570.13%
Leases & Rentals	\$1,482	\$1,482	\$1,482	\$1,582	\$1,582	0.00%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$827,501</b>	<b>\$838,933</b>	<b>\$889,778</b>	<b>\$934,604</b>	<b>\$1,011,941</b>	<b>8.27%</b>

### Funding Sources

Miscellaneous Revenue	(\$85)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Revenue from Commonwealth	\$5,369	\$5,635	\$4,738	\$5,264	\$5,264	0.00%
<b>Total Designated Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$5,284</b>	<b>\$5,635</b>	<b>\$4,738</b>	<b>\$5,264</b>	<b>\$5,264</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Net General Tax Support</b>	<b>\$822,216</b>	<b>\$833,298</b>	<b>\$885,039</b>	<b>\$929,340</b>	<b>\$1,006,677</b>	<b>8.32%</b>
<b>Net General Tax Support</b>	<b>99.36%</b>	<b>99.33%</b>	<b>99.47%</b>	<b>99.44%</b>	<b>99.48%</b>	



## Staff History by Program



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## Future Outlook

**Department of Juvenile Justice Transformation** – The Juvenile Court Service Unit (JCSU) continues the transformation efforts with the development of an Assessment Unit to process new cases referred by the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court (JDRC) for services. The unit will utilize the Youth Assessment Screening Instrument risk assessment and Standard Disposition Matrix in conjunction with the completion of a court report to provide a comprehensive analysis of a youth prior to disposition. This will provide a greater level of consistency, reliability, and equity to the assessment and court recommendation process. Low risk youth are referred to resources out of the legal system and moderate to high risk cases are placed on the appropriate level of supervision. Caseload sizes have been reduced and supervision and resources focused on the more high risk youth.

**Racial and Ethnic Disparities** – The Department of Juvenile Justice is working to address the problem of racial and ethnic disparities (REDs) and, in particular, the disparate and disproportionately high number of African-American children whose overrepresentation only grows more severe with each step deeper into the system. While black youth make up approximately 20% of Virginia’s youth population, they account for more than 50% of all intakes, and more than 70% of direct care admissions. Additionally, the Virginia Department of Education’s Discipline, Crime and Violence report from 2014–15 showed that, while black students represented 23% of Virginia’s total student enrollment, they accounted for 53% of short-term suspensions, 60% of long-term suspensions, and 52% of expulsions. The work of this transformation, including developing a statewide continuum of services and alternative placements, focusing on the use of data-driven structured decision making tools, modifying the Length of Stay system, and encouraging the appropriate use of diversions, will help address these issues. Efforts in the coming year will focus on ensuring state and local stakeholders have a shared understanding of REDs and effective strategies for eliminating disparities and develop local action plans to reduce disparities and enhance equity for youth of color in contact with the juvenile justice system.

**Gang Intervention Prevention and Education** – The Gang Response Intervention effort in the 31<sup>st</sup> District is continuing with the development and implementation of Intervention, Prevention and Education (IPE) programming by Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS). The IPE Program of NVFS is an asset development intervention designed to increase the protective factors that ensure that gang involved youth, and youth at risk for gang involvement, have increased abilities to resist the destructiveness of gang involvement and that their parents and community members are able to provide the support and structure needed to keep these vulnerable youths safe from the negative influence of gangs. IPE services are provided in English and Spanish.

**Truancy** – There continues to be a high number of youth placed on probation for truancy. Youth not attending school have a greater chance of becoming involved in delinquent activities. The JCSU in conjunction with community partners, Department of Social Services, Community Services, and Prince William County Public Schools is in the process of expanding its truancy initiative by diverting youth from the court system to resources offered by the schools. Additionally, a truancy intervention component is now offered by the Office of Dispute Resolution.

## General Overview

- A. **Shift of IPE Program Funds** – In the FY2019 Budget, a \$100,000 Community Partnership was established with the Prince William County (PWC) Police Department and NVFS for intervention services to ensure gang involved youth and youth at risk of gang involvement are better able to resist gangs. During FY19, a total of \$100,000 Community Partner funds shifted from the PWC Police Department to JCSU. This transfer helps better align the services provided by the IPE Program of NVFS with the services provided by JCSU.

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## Program Summary

### Intake Services

Intake Services provides state mandated processing of domestic relations civil complaints to include child support, custody and visitation, family abuse protective orders, child abuse and neglect, termination of parental rights, visitation rights, paternity, and emancipation. Juveniles accused of committing offenses are processed for formal court action or provided diversion. First-time offenders are referred to other community resources when appropriate. Electronic Monitoring Services are offered as an enhancement for probation supervision services and a less restrictive alternative to juvenile detention.

Key Measures	FY16 Actuals	FY17 Actuals	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Adopted	FY20 Adopted
Delinquent first time offenders diverted from court	37%	49%	59%	40%	48%
Technical probation violations requiring secure detention orders	37%	35%	29%	38%	33%

Program Activities & Workload Measures (Dollar amounts expressed in thousands)	FY16 Actuals	FY17 Actuals	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Adopted	FY20 Adopted
<b>Intake</b>	<b>\$34</b>	<b>\$23</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$25</b>
Cases processed through Intake Services	9,182	8,527	7,799	8,819	8,502
<b>Electronic Monitoring</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1</b>	<b>\$5</b>	<b>\$11</b>	<b>\$11</b>
Youth placed on electronic monitoring	172	216	216	196	201
Days of electronic monitoring supervision provided	2,486	3,478	3,124	3,108	3,029

### Standard Supervision Services

Standard Supervision Services provides state mandated community supervision to juveniles placed on probation by the Juvenile Court or released on parole from a juvenile correctional facility. Enforces probation or parole rules and orders of the court by imposing informal sanctions or taking court action. Collaborates with community agencies, schools, and correctional center staff to develop and manage supervision plans for juveniles to prepare them to be successful citizens. Coordinates gang intervention and prevention programs through the local Gang Response Intervention Team (GRIT). Links service needs gang prevention and intervention resources by providing gang awareness and prevention education for the community.

Key Measures	FY16 Actuals	FY17 Actuals	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Adopted	FY20 Adopted
Youth not re-offending within two years of release from program	75%	70%	74%	74%	73%
Parents and youth satisfied with service	100%	96%	79%	97%	92%

Program Activities & Workload Measures (Dollar amounts expressed in thousands)	FY16 Actuals	FY17 Actuals	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Adopted	FY20 Adopted
<b>Standard Supervision</b>	<b>\$55</b>	<b>\$40</b>	<b>\$45</b>	<b>\$38</b>	<b>\$38</b>
Juveniles supervised monthly	509	480	401	529	463
Supervision caseload per FTE	28	27	23	30	26
<b>GRIT</b>	<b>\$107</b>	<b>\$105</b>	<b>\$106</b>	<b>\$109</b>	<b>\$112</b>
GRIT community presentations	22	24	13	22	22

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## Intensive Supervision Services

Intensive Supervision Services provides community based juvenile probation supervision serving high risk and serious offenders who require more supervision contacts than those provided by Standard Supervision Services. Intensive Supervision Officers provide crisis intervention, life skills, networking of services, utilization of community based services, monitoring, and numerous weekly supervision contacts with these high risk youth, their families, and service providers to ensure compliance with laws, court orders, and crucial services. Intensive Supervision enhances public safety by reducing new criminal offenses by high risk court involved youth by reducing their risk to re-offend allowing their return to Standard Supervision Services or release from probation.

Key Measures	FY16 Actuals	FY17 Actuals	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Adopted	FY20 Adopted
Youth not re-offending while on Intensive Supervision Services	84%	88%	86%	87%	86%
Youth not re-offending within one year of discharge	83%	83%	85%	82%	84%

Program Activities & Workload Measures (Dollar amounts expressed in thousands)	FY16 Actuals	FY17 Actuals	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Adopted	FY20 Adopted
<b>Intensive Supervision</b>	<b>\$451</b>	<b>\$489</b>	<b>\$532</b>	<b>\$529</b>	<b>\$601</b>
Juveniles served annually	130	136	141	140	140
Contacts monthly	475	506	597	504	526

## Dispute Resolution Services

Mediation services assist adults in court cases involving child custody, visitation, child and spousal support, landlord tenant, and consumer merchant issues to resolve their disputes prior to a court hearing, thus reducing court dockets. Restorative Justice Services hold first-time juvenile offenders accountable for their wrongdoing through victim impact classes and face-to-face conferences attended by their families and victims.

Key Measures	FY16 Actuals	FY17 Actuals	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Adopted	FY20 Adopted
Disputes referred to mediation that are resolved without further court action	74%	74%	71%	72%	73%
Cases removed from the court docket due to mediation	1,498	1,279	1,132	1,351	1,303
Youth not re-offending within one year of program participation	91%	94%	89%	94%	91%

Program Activities & Workload Measures (Dollar amounts expressed in thousands)	FY16 Actuals	FY17 Actuals	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Adopted	FY20 Adopted
<b>Dispute Resolution</b>	<b>\$181</b>	<b>\$181</b>	<b>\$181</b>	<b>\$223</b>	<b>\$226</b>
Court petitions referred	3,692	3,129	2,565	3,386	3,128
Mediations conducted	1,028	842	818	951	896
Juveniles referred	96	65	64	300	300
Juveniles attending Victim Impact Program classes	90	51	53	78	78
Restorative Justice conferences conducted	46	13	18	27	27